### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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# In the Matter of WILLIAM J. McCOLLUM <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, Phoenix, AZ

Docket No. 99-1370; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 20, 2000

### **DECISION** and **ORDER**

### Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that he has a ratable hearing loss causally related to noise exposure in his federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the December 22, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated December 22, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 20, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member